

VENEZUELA WILL YIELD

Caracas Merchants Ask Castro to Give In to Allies.

READY TO ACCEPT ANY TERMS.

United Minister Bowen is Likely to Be a Member of the Court to Adjust Questions Involved—Italian Minister Leaves Country.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the powers. The leading citizens have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the difficulty.

This note was transmitted to President Castro yesterday afternoon. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the consensus of current opinion among the business element of this city. The men who signed the note met last night to discuss ways and means of obtaining money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantee it will be possible to offer to her creditors.

The note is as follows: "To the President of the United States of Venezuela: Sir: The undersigned having met with the purpose of offering their aid to the government of Venezuela in the present conflicting situation, which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your request to give our opinions in writing, we address you in the following terms:

"In view of the acts of violence already committed and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the government and people of Venezuela have complied honorably and worthily to the demands of national honor, we consider, with all due respect, that the moment to yield to force has arrived.

"We, therefore, respectfully recommend that full powers be given to the minister of the United States of North America, authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela."

The note is signed by about 200 prominent citizens of Caracas. It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators. The governments fear that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

Venezuelans Are Resigned.

The awakening of the Venezuelan people to the present situation of their country is accompanied by feelings of bitterness and sorrow. Their fleet has been destroyed and their pride has been deeply wounded, but they are resigned to accept the affront which they consider has been offered them by the allies.

During the last ten days President Castro has acted with extraordinary energy. He has transformed the entire country into a vast camp, having raised more than 40,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped and transported from every direction to LaGuayra and Puerto Cabello, in the expectation that the allies would attempt to land at one or both of these points.

But there has been a change of feeling, and the prominent men of Venezuela, who were at one time ready to lead the people in defense of their country, now consider that justification to take the men of the republic away from their families and their work does not exist. They have resolved to discover a means to bring about arbitration or at least treat with the allies. The means sought is thought to lie through the United States legation, and satisfactory results are on every hand expected to follow.

Rumors have been in circulation here lately of the capture of the last Venezuelan gunboat, the Miranda, at Maracaibo by the German cruiser Falke. It is now reported, however, that the Miranda has taken refuge in the Lake of Maracaibo and that all the guns and ammunition which were on board have been disembarked.

The blockade of LaGuayra went into effect yesterday.

Italian Minister Embarks.

LaGuayra, Dec. 18.—Signor de Rivera, the Italian minister, who left Caracas yesterday, arrived here and immediately proceeded on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan. The crowd at the station when the minister arrived was very orderly. The correspondent of the Associated Press spoke with Signor Leibabaza, prefect of LaGuayra, on the subject of the Italian ultimatum. The prefect said he could not understand Italy's precipitate action, but thought that country had been influenced by Great Britain and Germany.

Attitude of England.

London, Dec. 18.—The developments in the Venezuelan embroglio, as revealed by Premier Balfour's statements in parliament yesterday, have resulted in bringing out in the press this morning stronger expressions than ever of the desire to reach a peaceful settlement of the difficulty.

PLAGUE GERMS IN THE FOOD.

Goods Shipped to Honolulu From Japan and China Carry Disease, San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Advises received from Honolulu show that investigation proves that foodstuffs shipped to Honolulu from Japan and China via San Francisco are responsible for the cases of plague recently appearing there.

A number of Japanese on nearby plantations were taken with plague and died in a hospital in Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made, but no trace of the germ was discovered until thorough tests had been made of some of the Japanese groceries found in the house.

These foods under the microscope showed a trace of the plague germs and further examination made of Oriental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct.

Officers Implicated in Smuggling.

San Juan, Dec. 18.—Collector Cruz seized several hundred cases of liquors which had been brought from St. Thomas on the United States light-house tender Laudell. It is reported that certain army and navy officers as well as some prominent citizens of San Juan are implicated in the matter. The case will go before the federal court and the bureau of insular revenue will also take action. It is said that this method of smuggling has been in operation for the last eight months, and that goods amounting to several thousand dollars have been landed here.

Potters Hold a Meeting.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Nearly 200 manufacturing potters are meeting at Hotel Henry in this city, in a final effort to reach an agreement on prices, which have been demoralized for several months. Twenty million dollars of capitalization and about \$12,000,000 in annual output is represented at the meeting. The session may last several days.

China to Pay in Silver.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Unofficial advice has reached here that China intends to pay the next installment of the Boxer indemnity in silver. The reports indicate China is driven to this course by the fact that all of her revenues are payable in silver and the great internal financial strain makes it impossible to obtain gold.

Samoan Volcano Active.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The state department has received from Consul Helms, at Apia, Samoa, a report that two supposedly extinct craters in the volcano at Manga, Apia, on the island of Savaaii, broke into violent eruptions. Heavy earthquake shocks preceded the volcanic outbreak. No lives were lost.

Bishops in Session at Dubuque.

Dubuque, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the bishops of the province of Dubuque, at their council here today, will consider the advisability of recommending that Bishop Scannell of Omaha be made an archbishop, and memorializing the pope to appoint Bishop Spalding archbishop of Chicago.

Wisconsin is Not to Sail.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Orders from Washington, which would have taken the battleship Wisconsin to sea, bound for the Bremerton dock on Puget sound, have been cancelled and Lieutenant Commander Mayo, temporarily in command, is awaiting instructions from the navy department.

Boys Plead Not Guilty.

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 18.—The three Borchers boys, accused of killing their stepfather, Gerhard Borchers, when arraigned here pleaded guilty. Their case began today. The crime for which the three boys are on trial was committed Oct. 31. The boys lived alone at the house for two days.

Shoots Wife and Himself.

St. Joseph, Dec. 18.—John W. Williams fatally wounded his wife and killed himself by shooting last night. He lay in wait for her an hour and fired the shot because of jealousy. Williams was fifty-three and his wife forty-three. They were the parents of nine children.

Will Be No Inaugural Ball.

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—There will not be an inaugural ball in Nebraska this winter. Governor-elect Mickey is a staunch Methodist and refuses to attend a dance. The Commercial club of Lincoln has ended its preparations for the customary ball.

J. Reiff Gets Damages.

Paris, Dec. 18.—J. Reiff, the American jockey, was yesterday awarded \$200 damages by the Ninth correctional tribunal in his case against the Vieux Grand, arising from that paper's charges that the jockey pulled Saint Saule.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The merger hearing at St. Paul was Wednesday adjourned, to be resumed at New York on Dec. 29.

James Howard, convicted of the murder of William Goebel, was granted a new trial by the Kentucky court of appeals.

The Illinois supreme court, in an opinion handed down Wednesday, holds that a building used for Sunday school purposes alone is not exempt from taxation.

Senn hall, the building recently added to the equipment of the Rush Medical college, Chicago, through the generosity of Dr. Nicholas Senn, was dedicated Wednesday.

Railroad officials at St. Joseph, Mo., notified all shippers that freight rates would, on Jan. 1, be restored to the figures of the tariff sheets in effect prior to September last.

FUNDS TO FIGHT TRUSTS

House Votes \$500,000 to Enforce Sherman Law.

BARTLETT SPRINGS AMENDMENT

Goes Through Without Opposition, Only Discussion Being as to Best Means to Strengthen Original Motion—Senate Passes Pension Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia Democrat, during the consideration of the legislative appropriation bill in the house without expectation sprang an amendment to appropriate \$250,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law, and to direct the attorney general to proceed to the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order, not a member on either side of the house raised objection. Both sides wheeled into line and all agreed that some such action was advisable. Some of the Republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment, and Mr. Hepburn (Ia.) offered as a substitute for it the language of the bill he introduced on the opening day to appropriate \$500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the appropriation immediately available, and as amended the substitute was agreed to without division. The legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee, except for the amendment.

The language of the Hepburn amendment as adopted is as follows: "That for the enforcement of the provisions of the act of July 2, 1892, the sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not heretofore appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the attorney general in the employment of special counsel of the department of justice to conduct prosecutions under said act in the courts of the United States;

"Provided that no person shall be prosecuted or be subjected to any penalty or forfeiture on account of any transaction concerning which he may testify or produce evidence in any suit under said acts; provided, further, that no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for perjury committed in so testifying. This appropriation shall be immediately available."

Senate Passes Pension Bill.

The senate passed the pension appropriation bill without discussion. It carried \$139,847,000. An urgent deficiency bill also was passed. The amount carried by this bill is \$1,148,400, and includes an item of \$500,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to stamp out the foot and mouth disease which has become epidemic in the New England states.

The militia bill was up for a short time. Mr. Bacon (Ga.) continuing his remarks against the constitutionality of the provision for a reserved force of trained men.

At 2 o'clock Mr. Kean (N. J.) called up the resolutions expressing the regret of the senate at the death of the late Senator Sewell (N. J.) and as a further mark of respect an adjournment was taken until Saturday.

MERGERS STIFLE COMPETITION.

Interstate Commerce Commission Urges More Stringent Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The tendency to combine continues the most significant feature of railway development, according to the annual report of the interstate commerce commission, just issued. The report says: "It is not open to question that the competition between railroad carriers, which formerly prevailed, has been largely suppressed, or at least brought to the condition of effective restraint. The progress of consolidation, in one form or another, will at no distant day confine this competition within narrow and unimportant limits, because the control of most railway properties will be merged in a few individuals, whose combination interests compel them to act in concert."

The commission reaffirms its recommendations for amending the interstate commerce law and urges the grave necessity for legislation.

The report says that the fact that no convictions have yet been obtained nor indictments found in the cases of the roads which were shown by an investigation last winter, to be giving secret rates to grain shippers, emphasizes the fact that the criminal provisions of the present interstate law are practically a dead letter.

Washington Anxious for Settlement.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Officials here are not surprised at the feeling which has manifested itself in Caracas of a desire to seek a termination of the unfortunate situation that confronts Venezuela. Our government is anxious that some settlement may be found very soon, as it is realized that the present conditions cannot last long without a climax being reached quickly. With this end in view the state department already has given permission to Minister Bowen to be the bearer of any messages that Venezuela may wish to transmit to the allies on the subject of the present difficulties such request, however, to come from the Venezuelan government.

Sixty-three Frozen to Death.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—According to advices from Hungary, sixty-three persons were frozen to death during the last three days. Wolves are devastating the sheepfolds and have devoured three sheep herders.

PUT POISON ON THE TACKS.

Girl Basket Worker Carries Nails in Mouth and Almost Loses Life. Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 18.—A mouthful of tacks, in which some one had put strychnine, came near killing Miss Birdie Woodard, an employe of a local basket factory. Miss Woodard had been in the habit of keeping her mouth full of tacks, with which she fastened the ends of the basket bands. These tacks were in a dish on a bench, and it is thought that some one put strychnine in the dish after the employe had gone home. Yesterday, after using a few mouthfuls of tacks, Miss Woodard became violently ill. A doctor was called in time to save her life.

EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS TOWN.

Andijan, in Russian Turkestan, Totally Annihilated. Anakabel, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 18.—The town of Andijan, Ferghana government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake yesterday. It had a population of about 30,000. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in New Marghela and surrounding villages and a railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to Andijan.

Lake Vessels in Perilous Position.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—The steamer H. K. Martin of Marine City and her tow, the schooners Charles Spademan of Marine City and Belle Hanscomb of Detroit, are reported in a dangerous position eight miles below the mouth of the Detroit river, in Lake Erie. About seven miles east of the tow and about two miles off Colchester, Ont., a three-masted schooner is reported flying signals of distress. A strong wind is piling ice up on the vessels.

Collision at Table Rock.

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 18.—Fireman Morrell was killed in a wreck on the southern division of the Burlington yesterday, near here. Freight Nos. 229 and 226, both extras, met in a head-on collision on the main track in the railroad yards, the engines of both trains being badly damaged. The indications are that the wreck was caused by one of the engineers being asleep. An investigation will follow.

President of Union Is Indicted.

Telluride, Colo., Dec. 18.—Vincent St. John, president of the miners' union, is one of the twenty-two men indicted for participation in the riot at the Smuggler-Union mine in July, 1901, in which two men were killed and five wounded. He was arrested yesterday. The indictments against St. John charge him with murder, attempt to murder and robbery.

Water Begins to Recede.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Reports received yesterday from the mining region are to the effect that the waters are fast receding and the damage to mines will not be so great as was first expected. A few mines in the Pottsville and Hazleton region were slightly damaged by the high water, but the suspensions caused by the flood will be of short duration.

"Diamondfield" Davis Pardoned.

Boise, Ida., Dec. 18.—By a vote of 2 to 1 the state board of pardons granted a pardon to "Diamondfield" Jack Davis, who was convicted and sentenced to death in April, 1897, for the murder of two Sassa county sheep herders, the result of war between the cattle and sheep men. In July, 1901, Davis' sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Worst of Flood is Over.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The flood situation in this section is practically relieved on all railroads entering the city, except the Illinois Central. The breaks in the lines have been repaired and trains are arriving and departing today on schedule time. The Illinois Central north of Memphis is still cut off by a washout near St. Elmo.

Executed Without a Trial.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 18.—Order has been re-established here. During the fighting yesterday a number of persons were injured, including two Italians, who were seriously injured. Two men accused of committing crimes were executed during the day without trial. The United States legation is protected by troops.

Farmer Kills Preacher.

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 18.—Rev. S. A. Archer, a Baptist minister, was killed by Casey Holland, a young farmer living near here. The two quarreled over a load of wood and Holland struck Archer on the head with a stick of wood, breaking his skull and causing death in a few hours. Holland made his escape.

Schooner Ashore, Crew Missing.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The schooner John E. Hall is ashore on Duck's Island, Lake Ontario. The crew probably have been drowned, as nothing has been seen or heard of the men.

Korea Must Pay Its Debt.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—It is announced from Seoul that the United States minister has demanded the payment of \$1,500,000 due to the builders of the electric railroad.

Huron Opera House Destroyed.

Huron, S. D., Dec. 18.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Huron opera house, owned by W. L. Minor, and valued at \$25,000.

Marseilles Strike Ended.

Marseilles, Dec. 18.—The strike is at an end. The sailors have voted to resume work.

FIGURES ARE MISLEADING

Operators Juggle Wages of Miners in Their Statement.

MINER MUST PAY HIS HELPERS

Money That Goes to One Man on Payroll is Frequently Divided Between Four or Five Others—Operators Sum Up Case.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers yesterday before the strike commission and the attorneys who are on record before the commission as representing the nonunion men began calling witnesses. The sessions were probably the liveliest yet held by the commission. At the morning session, the miners' lawyers challenged the fairness of certain wage statements handed to the commission by the Pennsylvania Coal company. Preceding this, Simon P. Wolverson, counsel for the Reading company, who delivered the opening address on behalf of the large coal companies, made the point in his address that the recognition of the union is not an issue before the commission, which brought out a protest from Mr. Darrow. The latter claimed that if it were not, then the operators should be forbidden from presenting testimony that tended to show that the union was responsible for all the alleged violence committed during the strike. The alleged unfairness of the wage statements came to the notice of the commission as a result of its inquiry into the child-labor question in this vicinity. Several little girls testified on Monday that they worked all night in a silk mill in order to help their fathers, who were employed in the mines and received poor pay. Lawyer Warren, who represents the Pennsylvania Coal company, in whose mines some of these fathers worked, handed to the commission a memorandum showing that one father last year received about \$1,400 for himself and laborer, and that the other father received \$1,600 for himself and laborer. At the opening of the session yesterday the miners placed two parents on the stand and they swore that the earnings mentioned was divided among four to six men. This testimony surprised the commissioners, and Judge Gray asked if the figures on the memorandum were taken from the wage statement already filed by the company with the commission, and Mr. Warren replied in the affirmative.

Figures May Mislead.

Chairman Gray then requested counsel for the company to indicate in its statement handed up, whether the figures given are for one, two or three men.

"We don't say it shakes our faith in the statement," he continued. "Unless you can show, however, that there are none of these cases, such as are suggested by this testimony, it will very materially shake our faith in it."

The company, through its general manager, W. A. May, was permitted to make a statement. The company, he said, does not pay the laborer, it only pays the man in whose name the place appears.

Mr. Darrow cross-examined Mr. May and the latter said he did not know whether two, four or six men worked to earn the money indicated on the memorandum handed to the commission, adding that he got the figures from the auditor of the company.

"You saw these figures handed to me, to the newspapers and to the commission and you did not state to any one that you did not know how many men shared in the money earned," said Mr. Darrow.

"I did not say anything about it, either one way or the other," replied Mr. May.

In a further discussion Mr. Darrow directly challenged the good faith of Mr. May, who handed the figures to the company's attorney for presentation to the commission, and he said it was unfair to have given them to him or the commission without indicating how many workmen's earnings were represented in them.

This ended the matter. It was arranged that the attorneys representing the nonunion men should first call their witnesses, and five witnesses were produced who testified that strikers had killed one man and had more or less seriously annoyed two other men who worked during the suspension. Mr. Darrow asked who was paying for the lawyers who are representing the nonunion men, and then ensued the liveliest tilt that has occurred in the sessions of the commission. Counsel for the witness objected, and Mr. Darrow insisted that he and the commission had a right to know who were back of the nonunion men, but Chairman Gray differed with him. The chairman said it made no difference if the operators were paying for the lawyers.

Vanderbilt's Condition Is Serious.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 18.—A message received here from New York stated that the condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt was serious, owing to the weakness of his heart. His brother, Reginald, Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, and Miss Kathleen Neilson, who is betrothed to Reginald, will return to New York today.

Barge Breaks From Its Tow.

Cape Vincent, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Barge Isaac Stevenson of Ogdensburg broke from its tow in the terrific gale on Lake Ontario, ten miles west of here, and it is feared has gone to the bottom with the crew of six.

CORNER IN CORN IS BROKEN.

Cleage's "Blind Pool" Suffers a Severe Set Back in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Bulls and bears of the Chicago board of trade had a sharp and decisive struggle over December corn yesterday. W. W. McCleary & Co. failed to respond to margin calls and the so-called "blind pool," headed by Thomas A. Cleage of St. Louis, suffered a severe set back. December corn receded almost six cents during the day and showed a break of about 11 cents since earlier in the month. McCleary declared that he would pay dollar for dollar and that the company would be ready for business today. He said that his order to have all his trades closed was because of excessive calls upon him for margins. McCleary is a brother-in-law of Cleage, whose pool has about 8,000 members. Cleage has been operating in St. Louis, Kansas and Chicago and at one time is said to have had as much as 11,000,000 bushels of corn in these three markets, of which 4,000,000 bushels was in Chicago.

WILL SHIP THEIR OWN GRAIN.

Farmers Are Organizing a Co-operative Elevator Company. Omaha, Dec. 18.—The Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock association is to be the foundation of a new association, to be known as the Farmers' Co-operative Shipping association, which will have a capital of \$200,000 and which intends to own and control a line of grain elevators in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

A meeting will be held at Lincoln, Jan. 22 for the purpose of advancing the movement in Nebraska. The Farmers' Grain association of Benedict, Neb., the association at Thayer and Shelby, Neb., have signified their intention of taking stock in the new association and they will be the basis of the movement in this state.

The association expects to start with thirty elevators in Kansas, fifteen in Oklahoma and ten in Nebraska.

Cable Ship Reports Progress.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press has received the following message from the cable ship Silvertown: "Four hundred and fifty-five knots from shore and proceeding at a speed of eight knots. The heavy seas that swept the decks for the past twenty-four hours have subsided. There is a heavy swell on today, but the weather is partly clear and pleasant. The indications are for better weather and calmer seas."

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